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February 2020 Town News

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Full Speed Ahead

It's still early in the year but already we have so much happening in Town Hall and around town that we want to share with you. This month we will kick-off three new project teams to focus on the Town's community forest (trees in public land), the preservation of ecologically valuable lands, and welcome signage for the major Town entry points. I want to thank all the community members who have volunteered to serve on these and several other existing committees to help keep the Town of Canandaigua the place we've all come to love while ensuring its success and sustainability into the future.



And speaking of sustainability, our lawn care practices inevitably impact Canandaigua Lake and so do those of our lawn care services (if you use one). Scroll to the Flyers at the end of the newsletter or click the links below for details on two workshops - one for [homeowners](#) and one for [lawn care professionals](#) - that will provide information for more lake friendly lawn care options we can all use to help reduce the nutrients flowing into the lake.

Since newsletter issues contain a variety of articles and other content that can be hard to

keep track of, below is a list of this month's content. This list will be included in subsequent issues as well.

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February 2020 Town Meeting Dates

For more information on any of the following boards, committees, or project teams, search for them in the search bar on the Town's website: townofcanandaigua.org. Meeting locations can be found on the Town's [calendar](#).

- 3 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 4 – Citizens' Implementation Committee, 9:00 am
- 4 – Economic Development Committee, 10:30 am
- 4 – Comprehensive Plan Update Project Team, 5:00 pm
- 6 – Local History Team, 8:30 am
- 6 – Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm
- 6 – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- 7 – Planning Committee, 10:00 am
- 10 – Planning Committee *Special Meeting,* 5:00 pm
- 10 – Town Board, 6:00 pm
- 11 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 11 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 13 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am

14 – Application Deadline, Noon
14 – Special Events Committee, 8:00 am
18 – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am
18 – Citizens' Implementation Committee, 9:00 am
18 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm
20 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
20 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
24 – Citizens' Implementation Committee *Special Meeting,* 6:00 pm
25 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
26 – Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm
26 – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm

[2020 Board Calendar Online](#)

General Information

Town Hall Hours Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Town Clerk's Office Hours Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wed- Open until 7:00 pm

Court Clerk's Office Hours Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thu 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

General Town Email info@townofcanandaigua.org
(This email address is checked regularly)

Key Personnel

Town Supervisor, [Cathy Menikotz](#)
Town Board members: [Gary Davis](#), [Linda Dworaczyk](#), [Terry Fennelly](#), and [Jared Simpson](#)
Town Manager, [Doug Finch](#)
Deputy Town Supervisor, [Tina Bloom](#)
Town Clerk, [Jean Chrisman](#)
Highway/Water Superintendent, [James Fletcher](#)
Town Assessor, [Christopher Lyon](#), IAO
Code Enforcement / Zoning Officer, [Chris Jensen](#), P.E., MCP, CFM
Town Planner, [Eric Cooper](#)
Town Historian, [Ray Henry](#)

Special Meeting

On Monday, February 10 at 5:00 pm, just prior to the monthly Town Board meeting at 6:00 pm, there will be a special Planning and Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the Canandaigua Consolidated Water District project and its impact on Town residents. This meeting will be held in the Onnalinda Conference Room on the lower level of Town Hall and is open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

New Committee Kick-Off Meeting

On Monday, February 24 at 6:00 pm the Citizens' Implementation Committee will be kicking off this year's focus projects with a welcome meeting for all committees and project teams, including three new project teams focusing on tree and forest health, conservation easements, and welcome signage for the Town. Are you interested in volunteering or just want to know what the Town is working on? Feel free to stop by. This meeting will be held in the Onnalinda Conference Room on the lower level of Town Hall and is open to the public.

Holidays

Important Dates to note.

Also see the "Flyers" heading at the end of the newsletter for upcoming events of interest.



Happy Valentine's Day! Friday, February 14

Click [HERE](#) to learn the history of this LOVE-ly day!



Town Offices will be closed Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day
Click [HERE](#) to learn why we celebrate this day.

A Note From Your Town Supervisor

As your Town representative on the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, I think it is important to keep you advised as to the current situation on County issues, especially topics that I have received many inquiries about. One such issue of great concern to many residents of the Town is the Ontario County Landfill. The Town of Canandaigua is at the forefront of finding ways to effectively reduce and handle solid waste. The efforts of the Town in this regard are admired by other municipalities as a model for waste management, recycling and composting. I hope you take a moment to explore the [Waste and Recycling Page](#) on Town's website if you haven't already done so and, if you already have, please check back frequently for updated information. Additionally, information is available at town hall. My purpose in this newsletter, however, is to keep you informed with what is going on at the County level.



During the year since I took office as your Town Supervisor in January 2019, I have sought to educate myself regarding many issues including present landfill issues, the science behind solid waste management, recycling, composting, the Casella facility itself in Ontario County, and challenges facing the County with regard to the future of waste management

and long-term sustainability. As many of you are aware, in 2003, the County signed a 25-year lease agreement with Casella to operate and maintain the landfill located on State Routes 5 and 20 in the Town of Seneca. Additionally, Casella operates a single stream/zero sort materials recovery facility (what we commonly might refer to as recycling material recovery). When you dispose of your items at the Town Transfer Station, much of the waste is brought to the Casella facility. The County hired engineers to study the landfill and waste management and as a result of the report and recommendations, the County has begun to implement strategies suggested therein. View the resulting [Solid Waste Management Policy](#).

During the past year, the landfill has been the subject of many complaints regarding an increase in the odor emanating from the landfill. As many of us have noticed, the odor from the Landfill can be overwhelming and detected far from the landfill including in the Town of Canandaigua. As you can imagine, the situation has been unbearable for those who live closest including those located in the Eastern portion of the Town. Additionally, the DEC has issued violations to the Landfill regarding gas emissions and the County has sought to work with Casella to address odor issues and correct the violations. In order to address many of the issues identified, the County hired a consultant to develop a [Solid Waste Management Program Assessment & Transfer Station Consolidation Study](#). SCS Engineers was awarded the contract and has been working to identify and address the odor issues. The engineers met with Town of Canandaigua officials and employees just this past week. SCS will be working with County staff, Supervisors, and identified stakeholders to provide the County with a comprehensive analysis of existing solid waste programs and current use of infrastructure as well as looking at potential opportunities to maximize efficiencies at existing transfer stations and collection events. The study will be a resource to help guide decision makers regarding future solid waste management programs and infrastructure development.

In the meantime, measures have been taken and continue to be taken, as a result of recommendations made by the County's independent engineers' study as well as a study conducted by Casella's engineers, NCM Odor Control of Broadheadsville, Pa. One such action was to address the violations and identify the source of the excessive odors. Casella recently used drone technology to identify areas of excess gas emissions. As a result of that study, Casella reports that they were able to locate specific areas to focus on. To reduce the odors, Casella began to install both vertical and horizontal gas wells which will help to alleviate the odor situation. Additional vertical wells have been installed during 2019. We have been recently been informed that work is beginning on the horizontal wells and will continue for approximately three to four weeks. We have also been informed that while this work is being done there may be what has been described to me as a "short-term" increase in odor. The expectation is that the installation of the horizontal wells will

greatly assist in decreased odor.

There are many issues and challenges facing the County, the landfill and all of us as we move toward the future. With the end of the contract with Casella in 2028 the County is tasked with determining the next steps for waste management. The Director of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management for the County is Carla Jordan. The County Board of Supervisors Planning and Environmental Quality Committee is tasked with working toward the future policies and plans for solid waste management. I will continue to monitor the situation and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at cmenikotz@townofcanandaigua.org or you can call me at 585-472-6265. Also, if you have any concerns or complaints about the landfill you can record those complaints by filling out this [form](#) and/or you can call the landfill hotline directly at 1-888-230-2004.

From the Desk of the Town Manager

AFTER PAYING YOUR TAX BILL WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



January of each year marks a busy time for the Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes office as residents mail their tax payment or stop by the office to pay it in person. The Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes collects your tax dollars for both Ontario County and the Town of Canandaigua, but what happens to it after you pay your bill?

While writing that big check out is not necessarily fun, I wanted to take a moment to just explain what happens after you pay your taxes and where that money goes once received.

Most of the money that you paid in your taxes to the Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes is then turned over to Ontario County. While it might seem like a lot of the money is going to the Town, in actuality only 14% of the typical tax bill is kept by the Town, with the rest going to Ontario County.

Ontario County's tax (with a rate of \$ 6.35 per thousand dollars of assessed value) and the Town of Canandaigua's General/Highway Fund tax (rate of \$ 1.03 per thousand dollars of assessed value) is collected at the same time as part of your January tax bill. So, for example, the average home in the Town of Canandaigua with an assessed value of \$ 297,500 pays \$ 1,889.13 in Ontario County taxes, and \$ 306.43 to the Town of Canandaigua for the General / Highway Fund. While you might write the check to the Receiver of Taxes to Canandaigua in the amount of \$ 2,195.56, the portion kept by the

Town of Canandaigua is the \$ 306.43, with the rest then turned over to Ontario County.

The \$ 306.43 for the average home in the Town of Canandaigua is used to cover costs associated with the Town's General Fund and Highway Fund with approximately 49% going towards our highway department (\$ 150.15 of the \$ 306.43) for road construction, plowing, salt/sand, trucks, equipment, and personnel costs for the highway department. So yes, the average home in the Town of Canandaigua pays \$ 150.15 per year for safe useable roads.

The remaining 51% of Town taxes goes towards our general operations (\$ 156.28 of the \$ 306.43) which includes our parks department (all 8 Town parks and all trails), our recreation programs including our senior program, the debt service payment on our new highway facility, operation of our transfer station (which currently allows you to dispose of your trash for free as part of your taxes), our economic development efforts to attract and retain business operations, our police enforcement with Ontario County, all of our buildings and facilities, our court system including court security, our conservation efforts, our planning and zoning, all of our personnel costs, communication, and the complete operation of the Town Hall. So yes, the average home in the Town of Canandaigua pays \$ 156.28 per year for all of these services.

Additionally, many residents in the Town of Canandaigua are located in 'special districts' where additional services are provided such as water or sewer which include an additional tax levy for the service being provided. All residents in the Town of Canandaigua are also located in a Fire District and a tax rate of \$ 0.73 per thousand dollars of assessed value or \$ 217.18 for the average home in fire protection services provided by the Cheshire Fire Department, City of Canandaigua Fire Department, and East Bloomfield Fire Department.

All of your elected and appointed officials and town employees work very hard to keep the Town of Canandaigua's tax rate at one of the lowest in Ontario County through sound fiscal planning, and five-year budget forecasting. For 2019 comparisons the Town of Canandaigua's tax rate was lower than Farmington, Manchester, Hopewell, Victor, Bristol, East Bloomfield, Ontario County, the City of Canandaigua, and the City of Geneva.

If you have any questions about the Town of Canandaigua's budget or taxes, please feel free to contact myself or any of your Town Board Members or other officials. The Town's website also has a [Budget](#) page where you can view the current operating budget as well as those from previous years.

Doug Finch
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Questions from Residents

Submitted by Town Board Member Terry Fennelly

In a previous Town Newsletter, the question of residents being able to obtain gravel, stone, sand, etc. from the Highway Department stockpiles was addressed. Although many people no doubt saw the publication, we are still getting questions as to why access to these materials has been restricted.

For many years, residents had been able to fill a few pails with gravel or other materials for their use at home. Over the past couple of years, there have been an increasing number of observations of people coming in with trucks and large trailers along with a crew of people and shoveling very large quantities of materials into said vehicles. As we began to question how to restrict this activity, the question was posed to the Town Attorney who quickly replied that giving or “gifting” municipal supplies is strictly forbidden in NY State law. At about the same time, our insurance carrier did an audit of our facilities and work procedures and notified us that we must stop allowing non-employees to have access to the storage areas as they are considered an active work site with vehicles and roll-off containers. They also asked us to more prominently post the hours of operation of the Transfer Station and notify the public that non-employees are not allowed in the area during off hours.

The result of the above notifications, primarily driven by State law, was to immediately restrict resident access through the use of guard rails to delineate the restricted areas. Some residents have asked if we could set aside or obsolete a quantity of stone, gravel, salt, etc. for residents. This is not possible since these materials are purchased with the intent to use them for the benefit of all Town residents. We cannot obsolete something that we intend to use. Others have asked if we could sell limited quantities of materials. Since we are not a retail operation and we are not able to take on the management of this, we will not take on this activity either.

Another question asked is why Town residents still have access to mulch. This is because we allow the collection of yard waste which we grind up and can place in a safe area away from facilities and equipment for pickup by residents during Transfer Station hours of operation. We want to continue to do this because otherwise, we would have to pay to haul it away if we could find someone to take it. The bulk retailers have very strict restrictions on who and what they will use when they make mulch. By allowing our residents to have access to mulch, we can continue the collection of these materials and provide a dual service to our residents while keeping our cost of disposal low.

We frequently hear comments regarding the queuing up of cars and trucks at the Transfer

Station. While the Highway Department has painted lines to restrict traffic to four lanes, we all see many more lanes than that on occasion. Our Station operators do great work in trying to keep traffic moving but need your help in doing so. Safety of our workers and residents is of paramount importance. You can help by patiently - or impatiently - waiting to pull up parallel to the Station before getting out to dispose of your trash and recyclable materials. Many times, people will start hauling their materials a few car lengths before the Station only to have people ahead of them then pull out. This leads to others changing lanes and jamming up the normal flow. So, please try to be patient and wait until opposite the Station to dispose of your waste. As many of us have seen, the Station also has a social aspect to it. We see friends and neighbors and want to talk a bit with them which is only natural. Please pull off to the side and talk away - there is plenty of room!

Some people have asked about the future of our Transfer Station. As Chairman of the Planning and Public Works Committee, I can say that we have discussed what the future may be like for our facility. Ontario County has a Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan that runs through 2024. They are actively working on the next iteration, however, at this point, we do not know what guidance they will give to the municipalities in the County. Our Committee has done some preliminary layouts that would provide a larger, more efficient operation. We hesitate to go too far with a design as we really need to know what the County's guidance may be in the future.

The present County plan states that the individual municipalities are responsible for devising and administering their own methods of handling solid waste. The Town of Canandaigua has done this, and I must say we do a great job of it. Our recycling rate is considerably better than our surrounding neighbors and quite a bit better than the national average. Our employees are very efficient in their handling of the entire waste and recycling process from Transfer Station through delivery to the landfill. We have allowed residents of the City of Canandaigua to have access to our construction and large item bin a couple of days per month - the City provides personnel, pays tipping fees and pays us for wear and tear of our equipment. The City has their own recycling and general solid waste pickup service therefore they do not need to use our facilities.

I hope that this lengthy article - it's hard for an Irishman to be succinct - further answers questions and helps in the overall understanding of our Transfer Station. There is also a companion article (see below) giving you a better overview of how much waste and recycling volume is generated through our Transfer Station. We are fortunate to have such a facility and will continue to try to improve the service provided. Oh, and before I finish, I have not yet heard when the "Mayor" of the Transfer Station, Todd Wood, will return. Hopefully Todd continues to heal from his surgery and returns to us soon!!

For contact information for board members, see the [Town Board page](#) on the Town's website.

TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA Transfer Station



Reduce . Reuse . Recycle . Rethink .

Collection Data for 2019

By: Kaitlynn McCumiskey

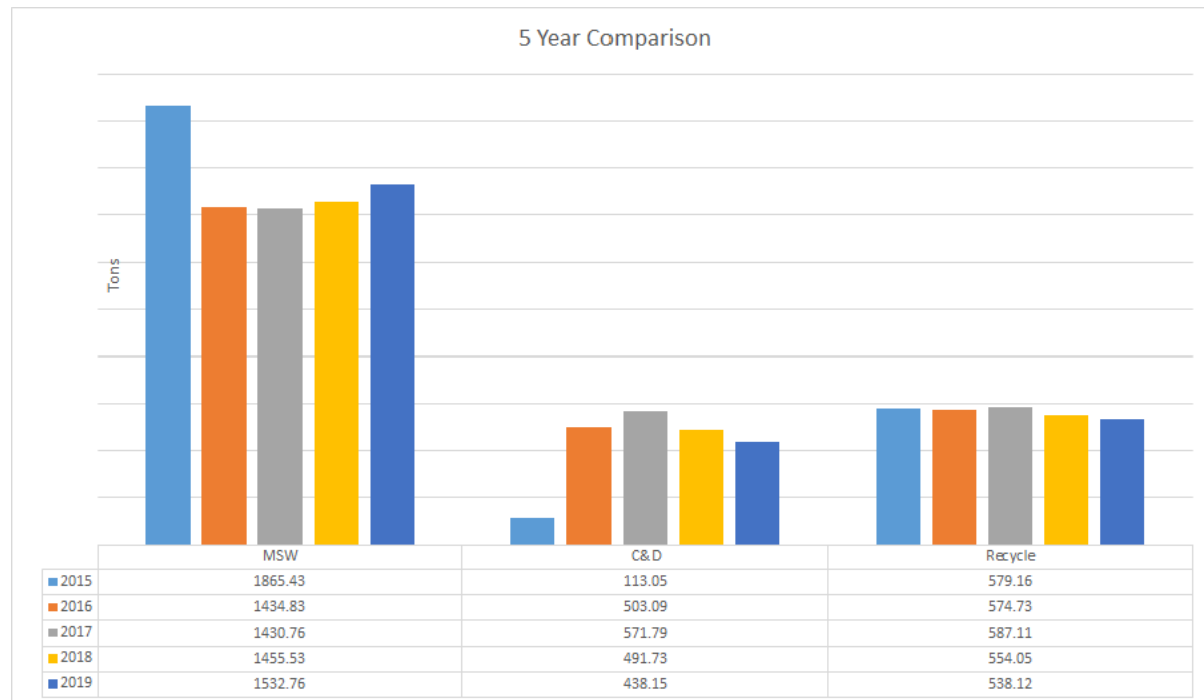
2019 was an exciting year for the Transfer Station. We implemented a collection program for plastic bags and plastic films, with a significant increase in materials collected over the course of the year. It was also the first full year of collection of food waste for composting. This program also saw a significant increase in collection totals over the course of the year. Please see below for graphs charting the growth of these programs.



Thank you to everyone who participated in these programs. You deserve a pat on the back for doing your part to reduce the amount of waste being sent to the landfill. The success of these programs is due to you! I challenge you to take that next small step and do even more in 2020. If you are wondering where to start, check out our suggestions of resolutions to waste less in 2020 on Facebook and on our [website](#).

Overall, collection of municipal solid waste (MSW) aka your normal household trash, construction and demolition debris (C&D) aka the bulky furniture items and construction materials, and single sort recycling aka the materials you place in your blue recycling bin, all stayed consistent over the

last five years. See below for a chart comparing collection totals for these materials for the last five years.



In 2019, there were just under 2,500 permits issued for the Transfer Station. Our daily average for materials sent to the landfill is 5.76 tons. That means 11,520 pounds of trash is produced every single day in the Town of Canandaigua by Transfer Station permit holders. Each permit holder (some households may have 2 permits) is generating just under 5 pounds of trash every day. That's equal to 5 footballs worth of garbage. Each week, every permit holder is generating 33 pounds of trash, which is equal to 33 footballs.

I hope that this information does not make you feel discouraged. While we still have a lot of work ahead of us, don't forget the information you read above. We are making progress and taking one step at a time in the right direction. When you learn more, you can do better. Like us on Facebook or sign up for Town emails to stay up to date with information and waste disposal tips.

When you add all the materials collected at the Transfer Station that do not go to the landfill and divide it by all the materials collected that do go to the landfill you get what is called our diversion rate. In 2019, our preliminary diversion rate is 44% (we are still waiting for a few more numbers to come in that will increase that number slightly). Let's see if we can increase that number in 2020!

Not familiar with any of the programs mentioned or want to learn more about what you can bring to the Transfer Station? Visit our [website](#) or give us a call at (585) 394-3300. As always, thank you for doing your part!

The hamlet of Cheshire has been a thriving center of commerce and activity for rural Town of Canandaigua residents ever since its original settlement in the second decade of the 19th century. Since its early years Cheshire has had a lively mix of homes, businesses, and institutions such as churches and schools. Many of its 19th and early 20th century buildings remain standing and in use, giving the community a distinctive sense of history and tradition. Using historic images of selected Cheshire buildings, the Local History Team plans to focus on Cheshire in a “Then and Now” series of articles. The first in the series is 4272 Route 21 South, the store building just south of the Meeting Hall and Theatre.



We don't know the names of the pre-1898 proprietors, but they are well-dressed gentlemen engaged in a diversified business - selling boots and shoes, flour, barbed wire, and men's hats.



In 1897-98 the Cheshire chapter of the Knights of the Maccabees built their new hall next door. The group gathered on the porch includes several longtime 19th century Cheshire family names - Johnson, Doolittle, Jameson and Parshall. A poster in the window offers a clue to one of the products offered in the store - Brooms.



As the automobile came into common use in the early decades of the 20th century, the store added gas and oil to its line of foods and household products. Floyd Mallory, shown here on the front step, was the proprietor in the 1920s, 30s and 40s.



The franchise moved from Red and White to Leadway during the Stinardo family's time running the store in the 1950s and 60s.



Over the past 50 years, 4272 has seen the coming and going of a host of small businesses

- the original Company Store, a liquor store, a gift shop, a meat store, and others. It's now for sale, and ready for a new chapter.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Jensen Receives National Certification

The Town would like to recognize Code Enforcement Officer Chris Jensen for obtaining his Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Certification.

The National Recreation and Park Association's CPSI program provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date training on playground safety issues including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods.

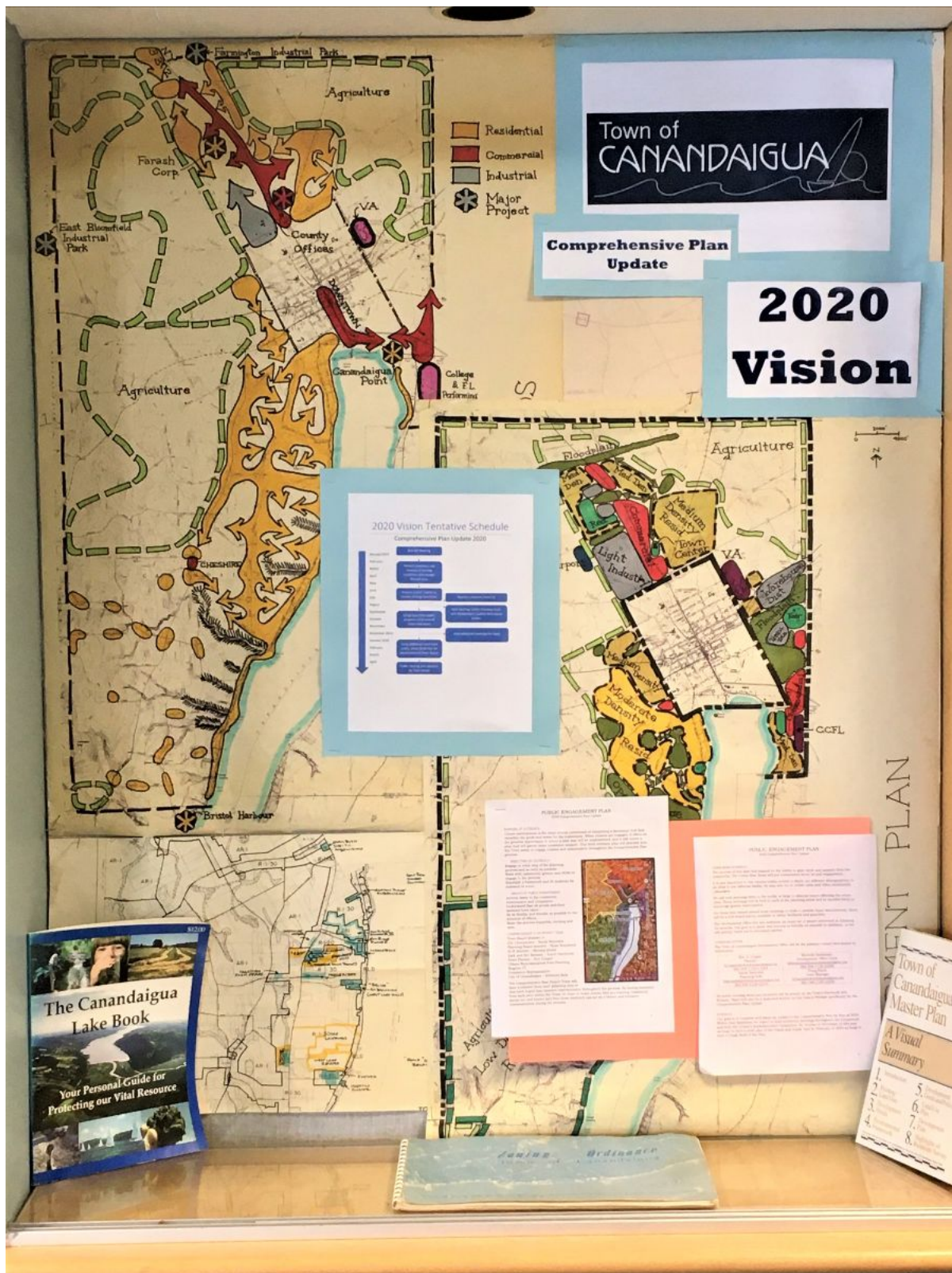
The Town of Canandaigua maintains eight parks and we work hard to maintain and provide a safe and enjoyable environment for its residents.

Alongside the Parks Department, Chris will continue routine inspections of the park facilities and provide valuable suggestions on maintenance and upgrades, which will provide a safer and more enjoyable experience to our patrons.

Congratulations to Mr. Jensen and thank you for all you do to keep our parks

a safe place to play!





Your Town, Your Plan

With a fresh new start to the year, here is a reminder that The Town of Canandaigua is in the midst of updating the Comprehensive Plan. In April 2019 the Town formed a committee formed of residents, board members and staff members to guide this project. Our “Kick Off” meeting was held in May 2019 with many eager volunteers willing to help out with the update. Last August we held 5 community meetings throughout the community at venues



like Kim-Mar Farms, Cheshire Fire Hall and the Canandaigua Airport. Over 100 residents joined us at these meetings to share their views on the future of the Town and any new ideas. Additionally, the Town prepared an online survey open to all residents and received over 500 responses!

Currently, the Comprehensive Plan committee is working on action steps for the plan update. The Committee

continues to meet once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm in the Onnalinda room, lower level of the Town Hall. The Town of Canandaigua is continuously seeking recommendations and suggestions from residents, and everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. We will be holding more community meetings this spring. Keep your eye out for these dates and times. Remember this is OUR town, let's make this a great place to live.



Upcoming Meeting dates for the Comprehensive Plan update committee:

February 4, 2020, March 3, 2020, April 7, 2020.

Reminder: these are the first Tuesdays of the month and meetings start at 5:00 pm.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact the Development Office at (585)394-1120 x2230 or email Eric Cooper at ecooper@townofcanandaigua.org.



The Town of Canandaigua Highway Department would like to thank all Town residents for following these safety tips during the winter months as crews work to clear Town roads and keep drivers safe.

Please refrain from plowing snow from private property onto or across public roads. This presents a hazard to drivers and is, in fact, illegal (Highway Law 214). Appropriate action will be taken by the Ontario County Sheriff's office to all known offenders. Snow should be kept on private property in an area that does not obstruct your view or that of drivers on the roadway. It is also best to plow snow to the right side of your driveway (if looking toward the road) in order to avoid having snow that has been cleared from blocking your driveway again after the plows pass by. If you hire someone to plow for you, please remind your contractor of these rules as well. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

- Keep a safe distance behind Town trucks, plows, or any large vehicles. Remember, if you cannot see their side mirrors, they cannot see you. Trucks also frequently back up at intersections. Please give them extra space so they can back up and get out of the way.
- Keep your house numbers clear and visible in case of an emergency. And if you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, consider shoveling out around it. This could save the fire department precious time in an emergency.
- Never let children play in snow-drifts or banks near the road. This is very dangerous as it is extremely difficult for plow operators to see them.

The Highway Department spends thousands of hours and dollars annually on snow removal to keep the roadways clear and safe. Your cooperation improves our efficiency and safety, and is very much appreciated. Questions or concerns? Contact us at (585) 394-3300 or

highway@townofcanandaigua.org.

Natural Resource Protection News

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

A Sorrowful Farewell to Ash Trees

By: Edith Davey

If you hear the sound of chain saws working in Town of Canandaigua parks and along roadsides, be aware that work crews are removing ash trees out of concern for your safety. The hazards of dead ash trees falling in the parks or onto roads are too great to ignore.

Ash trees comprise a great deal of the canopy of local areas, as many were planted to replace the elm trees that died from Dutch elm disease. Ash trees all over New York State are dead or dying or struggling to stay alive as a result of infestation by the invasive species, [emerald ash borer](#) (EAB) (*Agrilus planipennis*).



The EAB is an invasive beetle from Asia that attacks all species of native ash trees, (green, white, black and blue ash) found in New York. Individual adult borers are small green insects (see image above-right of an adult EAB on a penny) that dig into the tree to deposit eggs. Larvae then hatch and burrow under the bark (see below-left), consuming cambium. Trees usually die within 2-4 years of the start of infestation. Crown die back and yellowing or browning of the leaves are common indications of infestation. Woodpecker activity may increase as the birds feed on the insects (follow this [link](#) for more on signs and symptoms of infestation).

While there are some treatments (e.g. compounds based on Neem tree sap) available to prolong the life of an infested ash tree, these must be injected by drilling into the trunk of the tree. The treatments must be repeated periodically. Clearly, the scale of effort and expense required to treat every ash tree on Town property would be impractical.

Woody debris and firewood from clearing the ash trees may be restricted in movement as it may harbor live EAB eggs or larvae. Movement of EAB across New York has been directly traced to ash firewood or ash nursery stock, according to NYS DEC. There is currently regulation restricting movement of firewood to protect forests in un-infested areas. Mulch is considered safe for use as it is finely shredded and chipped.

New York State Firewood Regulations



The rules laid out below pertain to all species of wood, cut or not cut, split or not split, that is destined for use as fuel. Logs would only be subject to the regulation if their intended use is as firewood. More information is available on the [DEC website](#).

- Untreated firewood may not be imported into NY from any other state or country.
- Untreated firewood grown in NY may not be transported more than 50 miles (linear distance) from its source or origin unless it has been heat-treated to 71°C (160° F) for 75 minutes.

When transporting firewood, the following documentation is required:

- If transporting untreated firewood cut for personal use (i.e. not for sale) you must fill out a Self-Issued Certificate of Origin (PDF).
- If purchasing and transporting untreated firewood, it must have a receipt or label that identifies the firewood source. NOTE! Source is sometimes, but not always, the same as where it was purchased. Consumers need to use the source to determine how far the firewood may be transported.
- If purchasing and transporting heat-treated firewood, it must have a receipt or label that says, "New York Approved Heat-Treated Firewood/Pest Free". This is the producers' declaration that the firewood meets New York's heat-treatment requirements. Most "kiln-drying" processes meet the standard, but not all, so it is important to look for the appropriate label. Heat-treated firewood may be moved unrestricted.

One Last Hope

The USDA Forest Service is funding a project to breed borer-resistant ash trees by finding "lingering ash": mature, native, healthy, untreated ash trees found in the same area where most ash trees have been killed. By growing ash trees from twig samples taken from lingering ash, they have created EAB-resistant trees within two generations, which is promising for ash conservation. Click [HERE](#) for more on this project.

Ash Tree Identification:

- Compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets.

- Leaflet stems are oppositely branched.
- Leaflet margins may be toothed or smooth.
- Mature tree bark grows in tight diamond patterns.
- Ash tree seeds hang loosely on twigs through the fall and early winter.



Agriculture Awareness

From the Agricultural Advisory Committee

Farm Facts

120 YEARS AGO

In 1900 the average US farmer fed 15 people, and 40% of the population was involved in farming.

TODAY

In modern times the average US farmer feeds 130 people, and less than 2% of the population is involved in farming.



Sunrise from Sand Hill Road. Photo courtesy of Town Assessor, Chris Lyon

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FLYERS

**Lots of things happening around Town!
Check out the flyers below for local events coming up in
the next few weeks.**

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, the Town of Canandaigua, and the City of Canandaigua have partnered together to bring a greater awareness to homeowners and lawncare professionals of the impacts of their lawncare choices on the Lake. There are TWO workshops on February 11th; one during the day from noon-3pm for lawncare and landscaping professionals and one in the evening from 5-6pm for homeowners. Flyers for each event are

below.

For Lawn Care Professionals



With harmful algae blooms each summer, and concerns about increased aquatic plant growth- ongoing nutrient/pesticide loading from multiple land uses are of heightened concern. Canandaigua Lake watershed residents are looking for healthier lawn care alternatives to reduce their impact on the lake.

This free workshop, with lunch provided is offered to lawn care professionals and will provide practical strategies you can offer your customers that will reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizers needed while maintaining a high quality lawn. Your customers are increasingly demanding this type of service.

Presentations by:

Frank Rossi "Grass Guy"



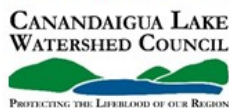
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Russ Welser



Russ is the Senior Resource Educator at CCE and will speak about local experiences looking at both success and shortfalls in the lawn care industry when it comes to Integrated Pest Management

Event Sponsored by:



CANANDAIGUA LAKE
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



Event Details

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 11th 2020
12:00-3:00 PM - **Lunch will be provided!**

WHERE:

Canandaigua Public Works
Department
205 Saltonstall Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

**Please R.S.V.P. by
February 4th to**

info@canandaigualakeassoc.org

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For Homeowners



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This free workshop is offered to the public to provide practical strategies you can use or demand of your lawncare company that will reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizers needed while maintaining a high quality lawn.

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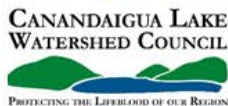
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Soil Health Workshop

**FEBRUARY 12, 2020
ONTARIO PRODUCE AUCTION
STANLEY, NY**

A WATER WORKSHOP FOR REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

**5.5 CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT CREDITS
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**





Ontario County Public Health 2020 Free Rabies Prevention Clinics

CLINIC TIME	DATE	LOCATION
9AM-12NOON	Saturday February 8 th	Ontario County Safety Training Facility 2914 County Road 48 Canandaigua
9AM-12NOON	Saturday April 4 th	Gorham Town Barns 3478 Lake to Lake Road Gorham
9AM-12NOON	Saturday June 13 th	Geneva Hydrant Hose Company 79 Geneva Street Geneva
9AM-12NOON	Saturday August 22 nd	South Bristol Town Barns 6371 Route 64 Naples
9AM-12NOON	Saturday September 19 th	Hurley Building 205 Saltonstall Street Canandaigua
9AM-12NOON	Saturday October 17 th	Farmington Highway Garage 985 Hook Road Farmington



Clinics are FREE but donations are appreciated.

- *Animals must be healthy and at least 3 months old.
- *Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier, one pet per carrier.
- *Please bring your animals past rabies certificate, if any.

Because we have documented rabies in this county, it is the law that every dog, cat and ferret in Ontario County must be vaccinated against rabies at all times.

Ontario County Public Health
585-396-4343



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